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29 February 1980 .

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

Office of General Counsel

Freedom of Information Request to the Department of the Army Concerning Tscherim Soobzokov (S)

- 1. On 15 February, 1980, the undersigned met with g, Cover Staff; E J and c request to the Department of the Army from Eugene R. Scheiman concerning Tscherim Soobzokov in which Mr. Scheiman had requested all documents from the Department of the Army concerning Mr. Soobzokov's employment. Several records checks by the Department of the Army failed to disclose virtually any record on Mr. Soobzokov or of the units mentioned in Mr. Scheiman's request. (This is not surprising since during the period in question Mr. Soobzokov was an Agency asset and the units cited in Mr. Scheiman's request were, in fact, cover entities of the Central Intelligence Agency.) Following these searches, the request found its way, quite by accident, into the hands of \(\sigma \), CIA's focal point at Army. (S)
- 2. During the meeting we were informed by F that the Army had not surfaced any records on Soobzokov or the cover units. However, F 3 was in possession of two Army documents supplied by CCS, which recorded the formation and the dissolution of one cover unit. When I was asked how he should treat these documents, I informed L that, in my opinion, all that he need do would be to inform the requester that a search had been made of the records of the Department of the Army which had surfaced the two referenced documents, and that no other records had been found. No other explanation was required, nor should a further explanation be given. (S)
- ☐ offered to draft a response along these lines and promised to send a copy to this Office.

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Director
US Army Records Center
Military Records Division
9700 Page Boulevard
St Louis, MO 63132

Dear Sir:

Attached are the transmittals for records of Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. In talking with Mr. Daniel Rooney, of the National Archives and Records Service, in Washington, DC, I have been informed that these records are still in your Center. Do to pending situations, this office is requesting the material circled in "RED" be sent to this office on loan. However, we would like only the material circled in "RED".

Thanking you in advance for your immediate attention in responding to this most urgent request.

The material should be forwarded to:

HODA (DAAG-AMR-S)
ATTN: Nr. N. L. Howard
Roca GA-080
Wash DC 20314

Sincerely,

RICHARD CHRISTIAN

Asst Chief

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December 14, 1979

Department of the Army
Office of the Adjutant General
and the Adjutant General Center
Washington, D.C. 20314

Attn: George A. Bailey
Colonel, GS
Director, Admin Mgt.

Re: DAAG - AMR - S (FOIA 79-675)

Dear Sir:

LLIAM F. BEELER UART H. BOMPEY IRK A. BUCKSTEIN (LES A. CANE IORGE H. COLIN LLIAM E.FRIEDMAN)EL M. HANDEL

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This is in response to your letter dated 9 November 1979 which forwarded certain documents to me so that I might review them and determine whether any of the collection might contain specific documents I am seeking. I am herewith enclosing a copy of your transmittals which contain items circled in red which I believe will constitute a fruitful area for your continued search.

You also asked in your letter of 9 November, 1979 that we provide a unit designation of the next higher headquarters of Mr. Tscherim Soobzokov, the subject of this FOIA request, and a description of the exact research duties he performed as a civilian consultant on a contract basis. I am unable to furnish you with any information concerning the next higher headquarters of Mr. Soobzokov as that information, if it exists, is wholly within your area of expertise and not my own. However, it has been Mr. Soobzokov's testimony that he was hired as a civilian consultant who was conversant with Russian ordinances and allegedly spent time with the unit designated in my letter of 24 October 1979 so as to inspect and advise his unit as to the uses of said ordinances.

4 Boxes from WNRC, searched with negative results.
(338-78-0129, Bxs 1-4)

If you are unable to locate any files with regard to Mr. Soobzokov or indeed with respect to Material Test Unit No. 1, Fort Meade, Maryland, or the Unit as further identified in my letter of 24 October 1979, I will expect a definitive statement from your office as to whether or not said unit now exists or indeed ever did exist whether as a section of the Department of the Army or as a section or unit of any other governmental entity.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene R. Scheiman



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Attn: George A. Bailey Colonel, GS Director, Admin Mgt. DANG-ANA-5 (TOLA 79-675) Bir Englas R. Sileman

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9 November 1979

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New York, New York 10017

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Scheiman:

RS.C.

This is in response to a referral from the Chief, Rreedom of Information/Privacy Office, US Army Intelligence and Security Command, Port Heade, Maryland 20755 and your letter dated 24 October 1979. The referral was received on 5 November 1979. Its purpose was to ascertain whether Army records responsive to your request are located in the Washington National Records Center.

A check-was made of the Unit Historical Data Section of The-Adjutant General Center. That activity could not identify the unit you describe as Material Test Unit Number 1, Fort Meada, Haryland or the same unit designation with the numbers 3723 in Room 18945, the Pentagon. Unfortunately, their system is such that to make an organization the Unit Identification Code (UIC) must be furnished. To compound the problems, UICs were not used during the time frame December 1955 through January 1958. Nevertheless, they did conduct a search which proved fruitless.

We then checked the world-wide recordsllocator data. These are the records which the Army has responsibility located in the Federal Records Centers. The search failed to produce any GSA Form 135 (Transmittal of Records) for the USA Material Test Unit Number 1, Fort Meade, MD However, the search did reveal that The Headquarters, 2d Army in Fort Meade retired several collections of files covering the time pariod of your search. I am inclosing these transmittals for your review to determine whether any of the collections might contain specific documents you are seeking. Depending on the classification of the documents, we can reproduce the unclassified documents and send them to you. There will be a search and reproduction fee assessment once we can determine whether or not you wish us to proceed with a recall of any of the files listed in the attachments.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY US ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

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2 November 1979

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request - Eugene R. SCHEIMAN

Headquarters

Department of the Army

ATTN: DAAG-AMR-S (Mr. Taborn) Forrestal Building, Room GA-76

Washington, DC 20314

1. References:

a. Mr. Eugene R. Scheiman's request for records of employment by Tscherin Soobzokov at the US Army Materiel Testing Unit Number 1 assigned to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland during the period 1956 through 1958 (Inclosure 1). This letter was received in this office on 29 October 1979.

b. Telecon, between Mr. Taborn, your office and Mr. Andersen, this office, concerning the availability of appropriate records at the Washington National Records Center.

- 2. We are unable to comply with Mr. Scheiman's request since our system of records does not include the reports on the subject in which he has an interest. We are therefore, under the provisions of AR 340-17 para 2-6a(1), and reference 1b above, forwarding herewith the request for necessary action and a direct response to the requestor (Inclosure 1). We have advised Mr. Scheiman of this referral action. A copy of our letter is included herewith (Inclosure 2).
- 3. We have also had previous correspondence with Mr. Scheiman regarding this matter. Copies are forwarded at Inclosure 3 for your information.
- 4. If you have any questions regarding this action, Mr. Andersen has been appointed the point of contact and can be reached at (301) 677-4742/4011 or AUTOVON 923-4742/4011.

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THOMAS F. CONLE

Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office

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2 November 1979

Mr. Eugene R. Scheiman Baer Marks & Upham 299 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Scheiman,

This is in response to your letter of 24 October 1979 forwarding documents pertaining to the US Army Materiel Testing Unit Number 1. Your letter was received in this office on 29 October 1979. By analysis of the markings on your documents we determined that the records pertaining to the US Army Materiel Testing Unit Number 1 for the period 1956 to 1958 may be located at the Washington National Records Center. Your request is being referred to the organization responsible for these records for a direct response to you. In the interim, their address is:

Headquarters
Department of the Army
ATTN: DAAG-AMR-S
Forrestal Building, Room GA-76
Washington, DC_ 20314

Your documents are returned herewith as Inclosure 1.

If you have any questions regarding this action, you may contact this office at the above address or by telephone at the following numbers, (301) 677-4742/4011.

Sincerely,

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October 24, 1979

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Department of the Army
U.S. Army Intelligence and
Security Command
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

Attn: Mr. Thomas F. Conley

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Re: Tscherim Soobzokov, a/k/a

Abdul Karim Soobsaqua

Dear Mr. Conley:

M BOMPET BUCKSTEIN

I am in receipt of your letter of 9 October 1979. It is inconceivable to me that your office has been unable to find any records of the activities of Tscherim Soobzokov.

Because you stated in your letter that you have no records to indicate that any activity of the Army Material Testing Unit No. 1 was ever assigned to Fort Meade, I am enclosing herewith copies of documents received at the deposition of Tscherim Soobzokov clearly indicating the Unit to which I refer and the fact of its existence at Fort George Meade.

With this further information, I trust I will receive a full and complete reply concerning my earlier request with no further delay so that this matter may be resolved without resort to the Courts.

Very truly yours,

Eugene R. Scheiman

[Enclosures]



U.S. Army majorial testing unit no. 1 FT. Geo. G. Merce, MD.

5 September 1957

TO WHICH IT MAY CONCERN:

1. This letter will serve to certify that Mr. ToCHETE SCOBLCECT, Social security No. 137-30-9646 was temporarily employed, on a contract basis, as a consultant with the originating unit during the period 17 February 1957 through 23 August 1957.

2. The records of this unit indicate that Mr. Soobzokev resided at 47 North Third Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

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Kr. Tscherim Soobzokov 47 North Third Street Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Soobzokovs

Under special provisions the Materiel Testing Unit No. 1 (8723) is authorized by the Department of Army to conduct a research program of foreign military material. It is intended to begin this program on or about 1 February 1957.

In order to carry forward this program, we are interested in securing the services of qualified personnel, both U.S. citizens and aliens, with experience and knowledge specific to our needs.

In screening potential personnel for the program, you name has come to our attention as a person possessing the fundamental qualifications necessary. Your diverse military experience is the type of background we are looking for in order to accomplish our task.

It is requested, therefore, that you come to Fort George C. Meade, Maryland on Thursday and Friday 13 and 14 December 1956, for an interview regarding this program.

A reply at your earliest convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

LAWRENCE LONDON

Major . (8723).

HEADQUARTERS U.S. ARMY MATERIEL TESTING UNIT (6.13) Room 18945, The Pentagon Washington 25, D.C.

4 June 1958

Mr. Tscherim Soobsokov 17 N. Third Street Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Soobsokov:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to your employer asking for your release for the period 12 to 26 July 1958, As soon as your employer agrees to release you for this period I will notify you immediately.

'In order that you may plan your trip, these are the arrangements for your arrival in Washington:

Date of arrival:

12 July 1958 (Saturday)

Meeting place:

Main Waiting Room, Union Railroad Station

Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Time of meeting:

1430 hours, Washington Time (Daylight Saving

Time)

You will recognize a member of our staff who will be waiting for you at the Station.

Would you please send me the following information as soon as possible:

Hat size
Shoe size
Coat size
Trousers size
Socks size

Bring only enough civilian clothing to accommodate your travel to Washington and return.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely

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Lt. Col. ARTY

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MEMBER OF THE U. S. ARMY MATERIEL.
TESTING UNIT NO. 1, FT. GEO. G. MEADE. MD.

PHONE OR 4-3311 Ext. 4791 LAWRENCE LONDON MAJ. USAF

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19 October 1979

Mr. Eugene R. Scheiman Baer Marks & Upham 299 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Scheiman:

This is in response to your letter of 3 October 1979, providing additional information on Tscherim Soobzokov and reiterating your request for records concerning him under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC552. Your letter was received in this office on 9 October 1979.

Based on the information provided in your letter, a survey was made of the Master Name Index of the Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII) to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records concerning Mr. Soobzokov. This Index is also managed by the Defense Investigative Service for the Department of Defense. The index is keyed to the individual's name, date and place of birth, social security account number and service number (if any), and yields information about the existence of investigative files concerning the subject. We queried this index using the following name variations of Mr. Soobzokov, his dates of birth, place of birth, and social security number:

Tscherim Soobzokov Tscherim Soobsokov Abdul Karim Soobzaqua Sergei Zaravich

In addition, another survey was made of the Name Only Index of the DCII to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records under the following names: Tscherim Soobsokov and Sergei Zaravich.

In all cases, we have received a NO RECORD response.

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IACSF-FI Mr. Eugene R. Scheiman 19 October 1979

Historical records, and records holding and storage documents, at Headquarters, Fort Meade and at the US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command were also surveyed for information concerning a US Army Material Test Unit Number 1. We can find no records to indicate such an activity was ever assigned to this post. If you have available to you any record which indicates this activity did exist, we will be pleased to review this material and reinstitute a search based on any data we might be able to extract from your material.

If you have any questions regarding this action, you may contact this office at the following address: Freedom of Information/Privacy Office, US Army Intelligence and Security Command, ATTN: IACSF-FI, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755. The telephone numbers are (301) 677-3942/4743.

Sincerely,

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October 3, 1979

Freedom of Information/Privacy
United States Army Intelligence
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Attn: IACSF-FI
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Re: Tscherim Soobzokov, a/k/a

Abdul Karim Soobzaqua

Dear Sirs:

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Pursuant to your letter of 25 September, 1979, I herewith furnish you with the following information concerning my Freedom of Information request dated 21 September 1979 and received by your office on 24 September 1979.

Mr. Soobzokov has variously claimed birth dates of 24 August 1924 and 1 January 1918, at Tachatamukai, Krasnador Region, Union of Soviet Socialists Republic. His social security number is . For your further information, Mr. Soobzokov was allegedly employed or had contact with the United States Army Material Test Unit Number 1, Fort George Meade, Maryland during a period of time encompassed at least by December of 1955 through January, 1958. While so employed or having contact with your department, Mr. Soobzokov was given an alias by your department, to wit: Sergei Zaravich.

For your further information, Mr. Soobzokov was allegedly employed by your department under special provisions by which the Material Test Unit Number 1 (8723) was authorized to conduct research programs. During his period of contact Mr. Soobzokov had correspondence and contact with, among others, the following personnel:

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25 September 1979

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Mr. Eugene R. Scheiman Baer Marks & Upham 299 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Scheiman,

This is in response to your letter of 21 September 1979 requesting records concerning Tscherim Soobzokov under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Your letter was received in this office on 24 September 1979.

To determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request, a survey was made of the Name Only Index of the Defense Central Index of Investigations. This Index is managed by the Defense Investigative Service for the Department of Defense. The Name Only Index is an index of names of individuals for whom the personal identifiers (date and place of birth, and social security number) are not available. A search was made under the following spelling variations: Tscherim Soobzokov, Abdul Karim Soobzaqua. In all cases we have received a NO RECORD response.

If you will furnish biographical data concerning Mr. Soobzokov, a more conclusive search of the system of records maintained by this command can be conducted. If you will provide the following specific information, we will be pleased to conduct an additional search - place and date of birth, social security number, and armed forces service number, if applicable.

In the event Army intelligence investigative records are available pertaining to Mr. Soobzokov, there may be information in these records which is exempt from public disclosure, as specified in 5USC 552. We note, on page 2 of your letter, your reference to Mr. Soobzokov's personal privacy rights. However, it may be necessary for you to provide Mr. Soobzokov's written authorization for the release of the records at that time, as specified in 5USC 552a(b).

If you have any questions regarding this action, you may contact this

office at the following address: Freedom of Information/Privacy Office. U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, ATTN: IACSF-FI, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755. The telephone numbers are (301) 677-3942/4743.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS F. CONLEY Chief Freedom of Information/Privacy Office

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Commander
United States Army
Intelligence Agency
Fort Meade, Maryland 20756

Attn: MIIA - PS - D

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Re: Tscherim Soobzokov, a/k/a

Abdul Karim Soobzaqua

Dear Sir:

I am an attorney involved in the defense of an active civil litigation* in which the above-named person, Tscherim Soobzokov, is a plaintiff. In order to adequately prepare the defense of this matter, I hereby make demand upon you, pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5, Part 518, Subpart A for the following documents:

- 1. Each and every document evidencing or referring to the employment of subject by your department during the years 1940 to date.
- 2. Each and every document evidencing or referring to subject's use as an intelligence agent by or for the use of your department during the years 1940 to date.
- 3. Each and every document evidencing or referring to any security or other investigation made of subject by your department during the years 1940 to date.
- 4. Any information obtained by your department having reference to, or concerning, subject's activities as an agent or operative of any Fascist or Communist government during the years 1936 to date.

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^{*} Soobzokov v. CBS Inc., et al., 78 Civ. 4908 (GLG)